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Applicant : Noboru Edagawa, et al.
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AMPLIFIER
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Examiner : Daniel J. Petkovsek
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of December 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4; 6, 8-10, 15-17, 21-23. Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 11-14, 18-20 and 24-26 to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A pumping light generator comprising:
two pumping light sources;
a combiner to combine pumping lights output from the two pumping light sources in orthogonal state of polarization; and
a degree-of-polarization reducer comprising a birefringent medium to reduce the degree of polarization of the light output from